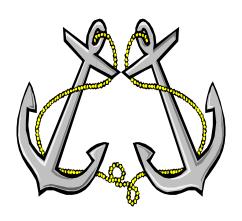
# Farragut Hígh School



# Summer News/Notes 2016

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## **Farragut High School Academies**

Farragut High School offers students several academic academies designed toward "educating tomorrow's leaders". Our STEM Academy includes focus areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Health Science. The Humanities Academy encompasses English, History, and World Language. An Arts Academy, Academy of Performing Arts and Leadership (APAL), and Marketing and Business Academy (MBA) are also offered to students. Each academy has its own mission statement, requirements, core courses, and various endorsements to challenge students in a unique capstone experience. All Academies provide students with the opportunity to acquire further knowledge and skills in specialty areas beyond the conventional classroom, emphasizing partnered and teamed participation in workshops, projects, internships, professional outreach, research and field experiences, self-expression, and global marketing. Academy participants will be paired with professional mentors working in related fields. Students will be expected to maintain high academic averages; compile tandem journals or portfolios; present at our annual Academy night, and participate in extra-curricular, research, and/or community services. Interested students and parents should contact teachers and department chairs for information and application packets.

<u>The FHS Class of 2016</u> of 418 students has excelled in many ways. Seventy-one percent of the class earned a grade point average of a 3.0 or better. One hundred eighteen students had a 4.0 or better. Ninety-nine percent of the Class of 2016 earned some type of scholarship. The Class of 2016 has received scholarship offers totaling <u>almost 34.1 million dollars</u>. The 2016 graduates will be continuing their educations at 112 different colleges and universities in 28 different states, the District of Columbia and Germany. Over the course of their time at FHS, this class has performed over 31,831 hours of community service – An average of over 76 hours per senior.

#### The class includes:

12 National Merit Semi-finalists; 12 National Merit Finalists; 3 National Hispanic Scholars; 15 National Merit Commended Students; 11 Eagle Scouts; 2 Girl Scout Gold Awards; 6 members of the National Slavic Society; three students with perfect ACT scores; one student with a perfect SAT score; 1 student with a perfect PSAT score; and 5 US Presidential Scholar nominees.

The class also has the current state History Bee Champion, the state Science Olympiad Champion, the TSSAA Double State Dance Team champions in small varsity jazz and small varsity pom (who also achieved national dance team rankings for the first time in FHS history); 2015 state runner-ups in baseball; 2015 state runner-ups in volleyball, the state CyberPatriots champions and a State of Tennessee Certificate of Excellence for Community Service recipient.

In 2015-16, Farragut had 74 AP Scholars, 30 AP Scholars with Honors, 88 AP Scholars with Distinction, and 23 National AP Scholars. Also, this class helped Farragut High earn its current ranking as #8 in the State of Tennessee in the April 2016 Washington Post's edition of *America's Most Challenging High Schools* and #13 ranking in the state by *US News and World Report's 2016 Best American High Schools*. Farragut was one of only a handful of schools named for third year in a row as a Reward School for Performance in the entire state of Tennessee.

# **Lottery Scholarships in Tennessee**

- Hope Scholarship / TN Promise
- General Assembly Merit Scholarship
- Supplemental Award (Aspire)
- Access Grant
- Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant
- More information check out these websites:

http://www.tn.gov/collegepays http://www.tnscholardollars.org

#### **Important Dates:**

August 1 Summer Insanity

August 5 Freshman Day 8:30 AM - 11:30 AMAugust 8 First Day for Students ( $\frac{1}{2}$  day)

August 11 Open House 7:00 PM

Grade Level Parent Meetings 6:00 PM

October 10 - 14 Fall Break
Dec 23 - Jan 5 Winter Holidays

January 9 First Day for Students (Full Day)

January 12 Open House 7:00 PM

Grade Level Parent Meetings 6:00 PM

March 13 – 17 Spring Break May TBD Graduation

May 23 Last Day for Students (1/2 day)

#### **Important Test Dates:**

October 19 PSAT (sign up in the

School Counseling Office)

Dec 20 & 21 1st Term Finals

March 2017 ACT Exam (All Juniors)

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{May 1} - 12 & \text{AP Exams} \\ \text{May 19 \& 22} & 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Term Finals} \end{array}$ 

#### Check FHS website for other dates and times

# Farragut High School's 2016 Report Card

http://www.tennessee.gov/education

#### **Farragut High School's Goals**

- 1. Maximize achievement and growth for every student
- 2. Graduate every student
- 3. Identify and increase professional growth opportunities
- 4. Strengthen parental and community involvement

#### PTSO Goal for 2016-2017

"Bringing parents, teachers and students together to positively impact Farragut High School and the community as a whole."

#### **FHS Education Foundation**

The FHS Education Foundation has been established to facilitate community involvement in raising funds for the integration of technology in all areas of curriculum, and to help provide for the general needs of FHS that may not be met by public funding. Please consider making a donation to support our school.

#### **FANS**

**FANS** is *Freshmen and New Students*, a program designed to ease the transition from middle school to high school and to introduce students new to the community to Farragut High School. Mentors who are rising juniors and seniors are assigned to incoming freshmen based on common interests and goals. It is the mentors' responsibility to acclimate new students to all that Farragut has to offer. **FANS** sponsors a number of events throughout the freshman year that build camaraderie among the grade levels.

On **Monday, August 1**, at 1:45 p.m. *FANS* will sponsor a freshmen connection Back to School Celebration. Freshmen will meet their Mentors by the picnic tables to the left of the front entrance. Following this event at 2:00 p.m., Freshmen Summer Insanity begins. **Friday, August 5**, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., the rising freshmen and students new to Farragut High will meet their mentors in the gymnasium and go through a mock schedule.

There will be a Freshmen Tailgate on the football practice field on Friday, August 19 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. There will be food, drink, games and prizes.

#### **Summer Office Hours**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Office and the School Counseling Office will be open every Wednesday from June 1 to July 20 at 9 a.m. and will close promptly at noon. Regular office hours will begin on July 25, 2016.

Additional School Counseling Office information is available on the Farragut High School website www.farraguths.knoxschools.org

### **Sports Tryouts**

Notices for summer tryout for all sports teams will be placed in the Knoxville and Farragut newspapers.

- Valarie Cagle was the recipient of the 2015 Excellence in Teaching Award
- Knox County 2016 Teacher of the Year is Valarie Cagle
- Knox County 2016 Teacher of the Year Nominees are Elizabeth Blankenship, Joe Book, Valarie Cagle, and Holly Kelly
- Rachel Reyes received the 2015 Tyler Duke Foundation Outstanding Educator's Award
- Golden Anchor Award recipients are Laura Austin, Jan Hahn, Tiffany Kelly, Allison Maldonado and Tabitha Rawlings
- Debbie Fraser was the recipient of The Golden Pen Award
- Natalie Sisk was inducted into the Farragut High School Class of 2016 Hall of Fame as a player and
- a coach
- David Moore was the recipient of the FCAAlvah Bible Influence Award
- David Moore surpassed 600 wins in softball
- Catherine Widner won a Director's choice prize for her artwork in KC Art Educators Art Exhibit
- Neil Clabo received the NFL Golden Football 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Award
- Eddie Courtney received the District 4 Coach of the Year Award
- Lynda Johnson was the 1st Annual Binnacle Award recipient

# **School-Wide Summer Reading 2016**

We're excited to announce our summer reading selections for summer 2016! The purpose of summer reading is to encourage our students to read for pleasure. All students are required to choose one book from the following list to read for their summer reading assignment. A synopsis of each book along with pricing information and any potentially controversial or questionable content can be found in the 2016 FHS Summer Reading Flyer, available on the FHS website, to guide students and families as they choose a book. A committee of students, parents, and teachers created the following summer reading list. For books 1-10 on this list, students will be assessed via a Canvas quiz to be administered in the 2<sup>nd</sup> block class on Friday, September 9. Students choosing to read *2 Billion Under 20* will choose a writing prompt and write a paragraph instead of taking a Canvas quiz. This paragraph will be due to Miss Matthews in the FHS Library on Friday, September 9. The grade from the quiz/paragraph will count for 2% of each student's grade in the 2<sup>nd</sup> block class. All summer reading documents are now available to students and families on the FHS website by visiting the "For Families" tab and clicking on "Summer Reading."

#### 2016 FHS Summer Reading List

- 1. Maus I by Art Spiegelman
- 2. Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs
- 3. The Eye of Minds by James Dashner
- 4. *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin
- 5. True Legend by Mike Lupica
- 6. Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
- 7. *The Elite* by Kiera Cass
- 8. Legend by Marie Lu
- 9. Thief of Lies by Brenda Drake
- 10. The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism, and Treachery by Steve Sheinkin
- 11. 2 Billion Under 20: How Millennials Are Breaking Down Age Barriers and Changing the World by Stacey Ferreira and Jared Kleinert

Check the Farragut High School website at <a href="https://www.farraguths.knoxschools.org">www.farraguths.knoxschools.org</a> for information on summer reading, summer camps, school supply list and other school information.

## **Summer Insanity**

Students please plan to join us at school to complete the following important preschool activities at the times listed below:

#### Monday, August 1, 2016

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11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Seniors
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Juniors
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sophomores
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2:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Freshmen (Arrive at 1:45 to meet your mentor by the picnic tables to the left of the front entrance.)

The following activities will be completed:

- Pictures (required 9-11) and ID (appropriate school dress)
  - \* No cost for photo ID but receipt is required to pick up schedule and get locker. Photo ID required for library books, field trips, etc.
- Schedule pick-up Photo receipt\* required
- Locker assignments Photo receipt\* required
- · Collect book hold fees
- Pick up Schedule Change Request Forms (if needed)

A schedule change request sheet does not guarantee a changed schedule. Reasons for a schedule change include <u>ONLY</u> the following:

- · Took class in summer school and received credit
- Incorrect level placement
- Student needs to repeat a class

The following activities may also be completed: (any payments should be made by check or cash)

- Parent may join PTSO (\$30/family)
- Parent may receive information and make a donation to the FHS Education Foundation
- Receive information about purchasing a 2016 2017 yearbook
- Buy school supplies
- · Bus information will be available
- Club sign-ups
- T-shirts and school spirit items available

Tentative student schedules will be available on Aspen in mid-July. All schedule change requests must be made by Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.